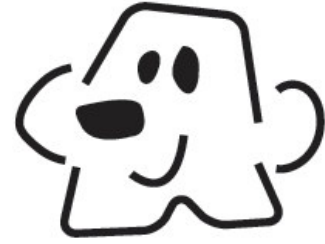




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Personal Anecdote

Country: Australia

Title: Library lessons

We have a great library at our school that is run by Mrs Hyde, the teacher librarian and Mrs Steike, the library assistant. Irwin also helps out sometimes. He's the network technician. Our library ladies are always understanding and helpful. There is a **lolly** jar on the front desk for any one who needs a **pick me up** and a **comfy** corner with cushions if we just want to read magazines or comics. We even had a visiting puppy in the library once. Mrs Steike breeds Tenterfield terriers and brought a sick puppy to school for nearly two weeks. We didn't know anything about it until Honey started to feel better and began chasing sun-shadows round the bottom of her box. Then the **cat was out of the bag** or should I say dog, and she became a firm favourite with the students.

However, this story is about another incident that happened just before exams. We are always allowed to talk in the library, although during exam time the library staff tend to remind us more often to keep the noise down for those students who need peace and quiet to study. Generally, we aren't **hassled** too much if we make a bit of noise. One student, Tegan, was always very loud. Tegan couldn't seem to help herself. Whenever she spoke, you could clearly hear every word, at least three classrooms away.

One day during the exam period, Tegan came into a **packed** library with three of her friends. They sat down in the far left-hand corner and began talking quietly. All except Tegan, who could be heard all over the library. Mrs Steike got up and went over to the group three times to ask them to keep the noise down. By this time everyone was aware of Tegan and watching and waiting to see what Mrs Steike would do next. She shook her head, muttered something to Mrs Hyde who nodded, and then picked up two, slim paperback picture books.

Tegan was in full voice, but facing away from everyone else in the room. She didn't notice Mrs Steike creeping up behind her, but of course we were all waiting to see what would happen next. Tegan's friends could also see Mrs Steike coming, but they said nothing. Mrs Steike stopped directly behind Tegan and flipped the two books together. The sound was like a whip cracking. Tegan jumped in the air and let out an almighty shriek. She turned immediately with her hands over her mouth and looked directly towards Mrs Hyde, the teacher librarian. So did we!

Mrs Hyde calmly looked up from her computer screen and said, "Did you say something Tegan?" Everyone in the library just burst out laughing. Tegan was very red-faced and much quieter, at least for the rest of that day!

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Glossary of terms	
comfy	slang: comfortable
hassled	hurried, stressed, harassed
let the cat out of the bag	saying: reveal a secret
lolly	sweets, candy
packed	slang: very full
pick me up	something to give a person extra energy